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- 25X1A2g1. In September 1948 Nguyen-Van-Thanh ( ) wished to prepare a number of photographs to be used in Viet Minh propaganda activities among the Vietnamese community in Bangkok. One of the photos showed a Catholic mass being celebrated in the Viet Minh zones. This is one of a series of pictures designed to illustrate how all the people of Viet Nam, irrespective of religious beliefs or other differences of opinion, are united in supporting the Ho-Chi-Minh government.
2. The photograph in question showed the flag of Vietnam and the flags of the four war-time allies, the United States, Great Britain, the USSR, and China. In this picture the hammer and sickle flag of the Soviet Union was prominent while those of the other nations were indistinct. Thanh requested the photographer who was making copies of the photographs to alter the picture so as to give the Soviet flag less prominence. In making this request Thanh said to the photographer: "We are not Communists and if the people were to see the photograph in its original condition they might get the wrong impression." Comment: ( ) discussed to some degree Thanh's policy of soft-pedalling Communism.)
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